

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2007 wherein the Examiner:

- (i) objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference sign 22 mentioned in the description;
- (ii) objected to the abstract of the disclosure because it recites the phrase "The invention relates to" and uses the term "said" which is a legal term;
- (iii) rejected claims 1-5 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,810) ("Crow"); and
- (iv) objected to claims 6-13 and 17-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action, including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments above, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this Application in light of the following remarks.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, Applicant has amended the Specification (specifically, paragraph [0025]) to delete any mention of reference sign 22 and, therefore, respectfully submits there is no need to amend the drawings. With respect to the objection to the abstract of the disclosure, Applicant has amended the Abstract to remove the objectionable language and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection thereto.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-5 and 14-16 and submits that these claims are allowable over the prior art. Nonetheless, in light of the Examiner's indication that claims 6-13 and 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form, Applicant has amended the claims in order to obtain a Notice of Allowance and move this application to issuance. Specifically, Applicant has amended claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 17 to be in independent form. All other pending claims (including new claims 21-24) have been amended to depend therefrom and should also be allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Application, and that this Application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, Applicant has made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in the Office Action as well as the statutory requirements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the claims and pass the Application to issue.

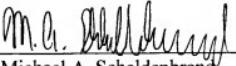
Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 433-7570.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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